



The North Texas Regional P-16 Council Spotlight

The **North Texas Regional P-16 Council** would like to spotlight area “Grow Your Own” programs in our region. The **NTRP-16 Regional Council** is committed to preparing north Texas regional students that are college and career ready. This regional council includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant counties. The Council works across all educational levels and with nonprofit and business partners to improve student achievement, raise academic standards, and create smooth student transition from one level of learning to the next and into the workforce. Find more information about the council at <https://ntrp16.org/>.



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“Grow Your Own” programs SPOTLIGHT



**Have A Bachelor’s Degree?
Want To Teach?**

This Program is for You!

Strong Teachers Day One is a “Grow Your Own” partnership between Texas Tech University and Grand Prairie ISD that supports employees of the district who already have a **bachelor’s degree** in getting their **initial teacher certification** at the **secondary level**. Program includes a paid student teaching opportunity for selected candidates.

Interested? For more information, contact **Shannon Watson** shannon.watson@ttu.edu
(214) 354-6470



Burleson Independent School District

Are you currently an **instructional para** in BISD?
Are you interesting in obtaining your **teaching certification**?

BISD has been awarded a **grant** from TEA to funds stipends for paras seeking their teaching certification in **Elementary, Middle Level Math, and Math Level English**.

If you are interested in these opportunities, please contact **Christy Strayhorn** at clstrayhorn@bisdmail.net



**Recruiting current Garland ISD paraprofessionals and/or students
Interested in becoming a certified Teacher.
Come teach in a dynamic and supportive school district
With a history of unparalleled excellence.
For more information contact
Angelyn Pham at apham@garlandisd.net**



YOUR FUTURE TEACHERS ARE IN YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SEATS



Increasing the quality and diversity of the teaching force in Texas

The Grow Your Own (GYO) grant program aims to elevate the teaching profession in Texas by developing high-quality Education and Training courses at the high school level and by creating grant-funded teacher pipelines to increase the pool and diversity of Texas' future classroom leaders. With an emphasis on small and rural school districts, this effort addresses challenges Texas currently faces in terms of recruiting and retaining teacher candidates in hard-to-staff areas.

Detailed information about the initiative can be found on the TEA Grow Your Own home page:

https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Educator_Initiatives_and_Performance/Grow_Your_Own/

Grow Your Own Pipelines: Choose Your Pathway



Pathway 1
Implementing Education and Training Courses in High Schools



Pathway 2
Transitioning Paraprofessionals, Aides, & Substitutes to Teaching Roles



Pathway 3
Developing Well-Qualified Teacher Candidates

<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/educator-initiatives-and-performance/educator-initiatives/grow-your-own>

List of districts awarded **Grow Your Own** Grant, Cycle 5 (2021-2024)

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/tclas-decision4-cycle5-gyo-list.pdf>

METROPLEX PUBLIC COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS



<https://www.dallascollege.edu/cd/schools/education/educator-prep/pages/default.aspx>



<https://coe.unt.edu/educator-preparation-office>

<https://twu.edu/epp/>



<https://www.tamuc.edu/educator-certification-academic-services/?source=universalmenu>



<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/education/degrees-certifications/certifications/teacher>